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GREEN AND EVERGREEN REVOLUTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding green and evergreen revolution in the country alongwith the action plan proposed for the future in this regard;

(b) whether the Government proposes to seek the help of foreign countries to mitigate agrarian crisis; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): The revitalization of the agriculture sector, improvement of agricultural production and productivity and enhancement of the income of the farmers are some of the major thrust areas identified by the Government for focused and concerted action.In order to achieve these objectives,the National Policy for Farmers 2007,incorporating the key recommendations of the National Commission on Farmers, has been approved by the Government.In addition,a number of programmes/schemes are already under implementation, which are in line with the provisions contained in the National Policy for Farmers 2007. Two new schemes, i.e. `Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana`,which aims to achieve 4% annual growth in agriculture sector during the Eleventh Plan period by ensuring a holistic development of agriculture and allied sectors and to incentivise States to increase public investment in agriculture and allied sectors and the `National Food Security Mission` to enhance the production of rice, wheat and pulses have been launched recently.Several other schemes including National Horticulture Mission,Micro Irrigation and National Bamboo Mission have also been launched by the Government.A comprehensive credit package has also been announced by the Government in June 2004 which,inter alia, aims to enhance flow of credit to agriculture sector and debt restructuring of outstanding loans for farmers in distress and in arrears.Further, the scheme of debt waiver and debt relief has been announced in the Union Budget for 2008-09 in order to address the problems faced by the farmers due to indebtedness and to enable them to access fresh institutional credit.States and Union Territories are advised from time to time for effective implementation of the schemes for development of agriculture.

(b) & (c) : No, Sir.The Government has already taken steps as indicated above to address the problems faced by the farmers.